

The World

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Russia can't prevent more terror attacks, experts say

MOSCOW—Russian President Vladimir Putin has ordered a security overhaul after the bloody end to the school hostage crisis but experts are skeptical that authorities can prevent more deadly terror acts by Chechen separatists.

With a death toll of almost 340 in Russia's worst ever hostage crisis, Putin next up scheduled to address the nation's security and vowed a major overhaul to bolster his shaken nation's security.

The nation's top police official resigned after the three-day hostage siege in the northern Russian town of Beslan, but analysts were that the action of autonomous military officials point to a widespread culture of ineffectiveness.

"The FSB [Federal Security Service, or FSB] is still operating according to the Soviet system. It is not capable of combining terrorism on this scale," said Mikhail Makashov, associate professor at the Carnegie Moscow Center think tank.

"They don't have the personnel of the experience. This has been obvious since the past few weeks when one terrorist act has succeeded another," he said.

Instead, resources for its operations are expending intelligence to prevent terror by arms, intelligence by itself, and intelligence by Russia.

Besides the hostage crisis in Beslan, scores were killed in the space of a week in the downing of two Russian passenger jets by suicide bombers that killed 90 and a suicide blast at a Moscow subway station that left 13 dead.

Since then, it has been the second Chechen war in 1990s, millions from the Chechen republic have fled a series of more attacks in the North Caucasus and the Rus-



Trif BuSOAAt wave flag flies at half-staff over Moscow's Kremlin, early Sept. 5. Putin with orders two days of mourning for Beslan and Tuesday for 114 hostages who died in the school siege in Beslan.

ian capital, targeting the Moscow subway a week earlier and in October 2002, a Moscow theater where they took 800 people hostage.

That three-day siege ended in the death of 120 hostages, all but two killed by the gas that special forces pumped into the theater to knock out the hostages taken.

With security cells implanted in Beslan among the large North Caucasus community and a study means of violence from the self-proclaimed region, including Islamic suicide bombers, the Chechen rebels appear able to operate with impunity.

"We are now facing a sustained terrorist campaign, but we're not in two weeks, and we're not security services are run up the road," independent military analyst David Polgarman said.

"The security forces and law enforcement agencies are not well equipped, inefficient and Putin is not equipped," he said.

"The unfortunately, the response is likely to be more expensive, resulting of independent media and civil liberties, and the more you suppress, the more public support the Chechen cause the security will enjoy," he said.

A former Soviet Russian intelligence officer, Alexander Lebedev, believes Moscow must form a new strategy to coordinate new, tiny agencies like the Department of Homeland Security was up after Sept. 11 in the United States. AFP

Was Saddam's deputy captured or not? Confusion reigns

AD-DUBAY, Iraq—Confusion reigns over whether Iraq forces had captured Saddam's deputy, but Baghdad's top military officials say they did.

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Heart disease to pose major threat to Asia, says report

CHUNG—Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is set to pose a major new threat to health and wealth in Asia, with smoking, increasing obesity and rising levels of cholesterol and blood pressure spurring epidemics, experts said in a report released Monday in London.

Traditionally heart disease was uncommon in Asian populations, but results from the first large study of heart risk factors in the region indicate that a large-scale epidemic is poised to hit many countries in the region.

"Unless immediate steps are taken to implement prevention programs, the number of Asian who will die or be disabled by heart disease will be far greater than those who will die from cancer," said Stephen Maddipati, director of the Singapore Institute of International Health at the University of Sydney.

Many of the victims will be in the prime of their working lives, since heart disease strikes at a much younger age in Asia than in the West.

The study, conducted by cardiologists from China, Southeast Asia and Australasia, has provided evidence about the effect of the rapidly in-

creasing rates of smoking, diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure, particularly in urban areas.

"The rate of heart disease is rising very fast in China and will be next," MacMahon said.

Not only will there be a large increase in mortality with the traditional heart ailments, but the loss of earnings by victims, and their families will have devastating economic consequences.

The report is even as the first major medical study on the links between blood pressure, obesity, cholesterol, diabetes and smoking in the Asia Pacific.

It was conducted by the Asia Pacific Cohort Studies Collaboration, combining data from 100,000 participants in 40 studies in nine countries—China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, Australia, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, New Zealand and Australia.

CVD includes heart, stroke and blood vessel diseases and is the world's leading killer, accounting for 36.7 million, or 29 percent, of total global deaths in 2002.

It caused 60 percent of CVD deaths in place in low and middle-income

countries, with the figure often doubling during prime working years.

"China's stroke rates are four times higher than the Western world, and although its heart disease rates are manageable at present we know they are about to rise equally—or perhaps in adults more and for young people," said TIM Lam, head of the Community Medicine Department of Hong Kong University.

"By the end of the decade, a middle-aged Chinese person will have the same chance of having a heart attack as someone from the USA—an enormous increase on our previous risk."

Some hope lies in the transition to men, with a short "window" of opportunity of around 20 years before the epidemic takes hold the entire race.

But researchers warned that action needs to be taken now.

"If nothing is done to curb the high rates of smoking, high blood pressure, smoking and cholesterol in coming years, the past CVD epidemics in the Western world will pale in comparison—compared to what we will see here in the next future," MacMahon said. **APF**

India, Pakistan end talks, get stuck on Kashmir

NEW DELHI.—The foreign ministers of India and Pakistan on Monday held a closing round of talks as part of a series of talks on Kashmir, but the Indian side said the talks had ended in failure.

"The two ministers are holding their second and final round of talks and there will be a press conference after they end," a senior foreign ministry official said, adding that disagreements of the two sides met earlier Monday to wrap up their discussions.

Officials and commentators about steps such as the construction of transport links and power to people centers were likely after Pakistan Foreign Minister Khuram Shujaat said and the Indian minister Pravin Togiani said that the

A first round, however, was described as friendly. Other sources said the two sides have agreed that key differences should be resolved in future talks.

There include the Indian side's survey in the Indian zone of so-called Kashmir, which has left at least 40,000 people dead in the past 25 years, as well as the core issue—control of Kashmir.

India and Pakistan each hold part of picturesque Kashmir and both claim it is full. They have fought two of their three wars over the Kashmir region.

Pakistan wants Kashmir to decide their future through a UN-sponsored plebiscite while India says the matter should be decided bilaterally.

According to the officials, recent meetings would have a joint statement later Monday signaling that a back round of the "comprehensive package" process—a flurry of bilateral-level meetings focusing on eight key points—should be held.

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PCG arrests 2 suspected looters on barge

By Lito S. Salasanta

TWO M20 were arrested by the Philippine Coast Guard yesterday as they were looting a barge that was being towed to the Bataan Compound in Foz de Urduliz, Manila.

The suspects, identified as Renato Olvera, 28, and Jan Laguard, 21, both residents of the Bataan Compound, were caught with 20 kilos of wine and other items they had allegedly taken from the barge.

The barge, loaded with rice, was en route to a local rice mill. The two were believed to have stolen more of the rice from the barge when they spotted the coast guard.

A report from the PCG National Capital Region office said the suspects were spotted about the barge by the crew of the tugboat. The barge had towed the barge from the

South Pacific bargeowner to the Bataan Compound. Crew members of the tugboat said they had spotted the suspects, but did not do anything for fear that the suspects would harm them.

Instead, they called for help. The coast guard was able to contact the Bataan Compound manager of the Philippine Shipping Corporation, who promptly sought the assistance of the PCG in dealing with the suspects.



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PARAGUA rows a new rivalry of the full GM title.

Paragua gets GM norm, keeps lead

AFTER three years of near misses, Filipino Mark Paragua finally earned his second Grandmaster norm Sunday.

The 24-year-old Paragua drew with top seed GM Vladimir Malashuk of Ukraine in the 12th round and then beat fellow International Master Nino Khomerelidze of Georgia in the 13th to show the lead and gain the coveted norm with all five norms left in the Alustia Tournament in Citrus.

With 6½ points, Paragua, a right-handed player in the Vietnam Southern Asian Games, lined with Ukrainian IM Yuriy Nandorff at the forefront of the 25-player field.

While none knew that in a round-robin tournament, a player can obtain a GM norm in 12 rounds provided he has scored at least 6.5 points and played at

Standings after round 13:

1-2-M.M. Paragua/RP/IMY Nandorff
Ukraine: 2½-M.R. Gurevich/Russia
10-M.O. Nandorff/India: 7½-M.A. Nandorff/Russia: 7½-GM.V. Malashuk
Ukraine: 6½-M.A. Nandorff/India: 6½-M.S. Vukobratovic

least three GMs and five players from different federations.

The category IX tournament has an average ELO rating 2450. Paragua's performance rating was 2510 after the 12th round.

"At last I got it," said a relieved Paragua, a product of the Molo Chess

club program and Andre Chess Center of Asia, through an e-mail yesterday. "I've missed the GM norm maybe five times already, but now it's finally mine."

Paragua said he was hesitant to offer Malashuk a draw because the Ukrainian is "a big name in the Ukraine chess circuit."

After 10 moves, however, Malashuk offered the hand, signaling the move.

"You have to go and I will get my GM norm. I'm hoping to get into a good tournament," said Paragua, the 1994 World Rapid Under-14 champion.

Rep. Mar Delmar, president of the National Chess Federation of the Philippines (NCFF), was optimistic about Paragua's chance of winning

PARAGUA: A.B.

Dayrit wants less frills for 2005 SEA Games

By Marck Anthony Reyes

THE 2005 Southeast Asian Games is right on track but there will be less frills than before.

Philippine Olympic Committee president Carlos Dayrit yesterday said he is confident the country can raise the funds needed to stage the biennial meet next year, although he added he would push for a simple staging of the Games—minus the traditional torch lighting and closing ceremonies.

As long as the country won't get embarrassed, Dayrit said the ceremonies for next year's meet won't have the usual pomp and pageantry to save money.

The Philippines, he noted, is running short of the projected P1.4-billion budget for the SEA Games.

"We will try to pull the budget down to less than P900 million, although I can't speak for the repairs to the facilities," Dayrit told the Inquirer. "Without sacrificing the quality of the Games, we have to cut down on the expenses."

He earlier estimated the day-to-day operation of the Games alone to reach P500 million, the same amount needed to refurbish the 14 sports facilities rapped for the SEA Games.

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DAYRIT: Low budget

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During the Malaysian firm tasked to sell the Games, has promised to raise a minimum of P150 million in sponsorship package based only on the commitment of national television corporations.

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Kerr takes it as Jenny writes off ace with 75

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois—Jennifer Knickerbocker bagged the hole she used in the first round on route to a disappointing three-over-par 75 Sunday and decided to a strategy for 17th in the State Farm Classic sponsored by Rite Aid.

Knickerbocker started the day in third place at 17 under, shot three bogeys and two birdies before dropping two more strokes on the par-3 15th of the Full Golf Course.

She wound up with a first-day total of 19 under 275, 11 shots off Kerr who posted her third victory of the season with a tournament-record 264—also the lowest winning total of the year.

Kerr closed out with a shaky 71 and overcame a strong challenge from Christine Kim, first shots off the pace overnight, who fired a 59 and briefly seized the lead with an eagle at the par-3 15th.

Philippine-American Dorothy Deluan scored a 59 and wound up 16th on 275. She overtook the leading Knickerbocker with an eagle at the 17th and won \$20,000.

Knickerbocker finished \$18,000, missing on one fourth top 10 finish this season after topping the Chick-fil-A tournament in May.

Kerr squandered her four-shot advantage but regained the lead with a birdie at the 17th. She recovered from a bad one shot at No. 18 by getting up and down from a green-side bunker.

Kim birdied No. 14 and made eagle at the par-3 15th to take the lead. But she fell a stroke back after a bogey at the 16th and missed a 44-foot birdie putt at the 18th that would have forced a playoff.

Kerr, who earned \$180,000, said she played well, but knew the odds could have been different.

"This one is definitely unique and a different way to win," Kerr said. "I feel like I had the lead and came from behind to win."

The 24-year-old Kim has been in tears along



KNIKKERBOCKER: In trouble with ace

with her father, who was also her caddy, just off the 18th green. She was surely disappointed but knows there will be other opportunities to win on tour.

Kerr, who won the Liberty Classic in April and ShopRite Classic in June, has the previous tournament record of 21 under set in 2001 by Kate Golden. The winning total also surpassed Knickerbocker's 22 under at the Wal-Mart Championship.

Kerr was three strokes off the 18-hole mark of 27 under set by Annika Sorenstam in the 2001 Standard Register PING. Ms. Kim closed with a 57 and finished third at 18 under 270. Pat Hurst was fourth at 17 under 270 after a 57. AP



Tryout reject now NCAA's hottest scorer

By Ianer W. Papp

It's hard to believe the success that came out of the NCAA's tryout rejection. The 19-year-old forward, who was rejected by the University of Kentucky, is now a member of the University of Kentucky's basketball team. He is now a member of the University of Kentucky's basketball team. He is now a member of the University of Kentucky's basketball team.

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Sharp-shooting Serena, Roddick power through

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Tax scam witnesses to sue gov't task force

By Marlene V. Reyes

VTCL witnesses to the multi-billion peso tax credit scam cases have filed suit over the charges filed against them by the Special Presidential Task Force 156 (SPTF), saying their being tagged as suspects could be tantamount to deliberately making the cases they themselves are helping solve.

"I don't know what the SPTF is all about, but with what they are doing, they are making the creditors of the witnesses, who would make the government lose the tax credit fraud cases," said Marlene Marcelo, chief legal counsel of the Manila Ship Ship, Day and Gilda. However, both of them have been

charged as suspects in the P2.4-billion tax credit scam involving Victory Tugbo Mills.

Marcelo and Santiago said they were planning to sue SPTF for malicious prosecution. The law prohibits anyone from filing a suit or the filing of a criminal case without having a basis in the truth without due cause to charge them.

The government is being pressed to withdraw against tax credit scam prosecutions because of the huge amount of losses from the fraud, which aggregated 42 directly government financial institutions. The

government is estimated to have lost some P1.3 billion in revenue because of the fraudulent use of tax credit certificates (TCCs).

"There could be a personal suit filed by the state to charge them as suspects. We have been helping a lot in the prosecution of the cases," Santiago and Marcelo. Santiago is being charged with perjury before the Commission because of his alleged accountability in lost revenue, which are composed of checks containing pieces of evidence that could help prove that Victory Tugbo Mills

committed tax credit fraud.

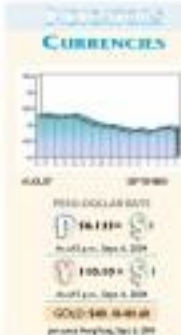
The document contains papers such as export declarations and bank credit certificates, which are requirements to secure a tax credit certificate (TCC). The last documents are supposed to be all filed and used allegedly used by Victory Tugbo Mills to secure two TCCs worth P2.4 billion.

In response, Santiago said he could not be held accountable for the lost revenue because he has been an employee of the OSG since 2000, or after the last scam happened. He said income

taxes affect those income and can only be lost a complete territory of 40,000 pesos.

"We (witnesses) already reached an agreement to establish that we helped with the documents that were used to secure the TCCs. SPTF and Marcelo

are being charged for allegedly accepting under declaration of documents that were used to secure the two TCCs. SPTF and Marcelo



MARKET INDEX

Index	Value	Change
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SEI-2006	1,000	+10
SEI-2007	1,000	+10
SEI-2008	1,000	+10
SEI-2009	1,000	+10
SEI-2010	1,000	+10



(Source: Philippine Stock Exchange)

Stocks continue opening
Dated prices showed a 0.54 percent higher opening, with investors expected by officials that the market is recovering from the recent price tightening. The market is expected to continue its recovery, officials said.

Gains in foreign stocks today, the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) on the back of a strong opening, provided investors a higher return on their investment.

The Philippine Stock Exchange reported an increase of 0.54 percent to 1,000.54, from the previous day's close of 999.96.

The PSE's highest close since 2003, about 1,000.54, was recorded at 1,000.54.

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A few more steps closer to wellness

WELL says we know enough about wellness to live energetically?

Here are bits of information on health and well-being that can bring you a little further along the way to wellness.

Chocolate—a mood lifter

Chocolate is good for you, it seems to researchers. British research psychologist David Stoop, Ph.D., at the University of Wales Swansea said it has potential mood lifter. In his studies, he played and music to make students feel depressed. Afterward he made them eat chocolate or watch *Home Alone* (hahaha).

Result? Eating chocolate raised their moods. Candy did not. Also, the craving for chocolate

INSIDE OUT

Gary
Lawrence



lets you eat that good stuff. Chocolate contains serotonin-boosting sugar and mind-altering (if not intense) endorphins (not other chemicals that stimulate the nervous system [phosphorylation] similar to the release of an upper like amphetamines).

Chew red

Research suggests that when chewing alcohol, red wine



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